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Dear Examiner Kershteyn,

The Attached claims are for discussion with regard to application serial No. 10/795,797. In a recent restriction requirement you restricted claims 20-22 to a separate group (group II) from the remaining claims, indicating that the claims of group II differ from those of group I because they do not require that the subject device be a bent axis pump/motor. We would like to amend claims 20-22 such that they can be joined with group I for search and examination purposes.

Claim 20 of the attached claims has been amended to recite a bent axis pump/motor. I would like to speak to you briefly on Monday to learn whether you consider this amendment sufficient for the purpose.

My office is in Seattle, on Pacific Standard Time, so I am three hours behind you. I will call you when I get into my office, around 9:00, which will be around noon your time.

Regards,
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